

Commerce for Intellectual Property, Deputy Director, Patent and Trademark Office; David Smith, Acting Deputy Inspector General, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

**SENATE BILL TO DESIGNATE THE
FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES
COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 1300 VICTORIA
STREET IN LAREDO, TEXAS, AS THE
“GEORGE P. KAZEN FEDERAL BUILDING
AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE”;
SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE ENERGY
AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND
RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2016**

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on S. 612, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; and Senate amendment to H.R. 2028, the “Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”. The committee granted, by record vote of 6–2, a rule that provides for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2028. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2028 with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–70 modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for S. 612. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the respective chairs and ranking minority members of the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–69 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster, Chairman Bishop of Utah, Chairman Upton, Chairman Rogers of Kentucky,

and Representatives Doyle of Pennsylvania, and Lowey.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. The General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions passed, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

BALTIC SECURITY

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on Baltic security after the Warsaw NATO summit from Michael Johnson, RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia; Magnus Nordenman, Atlantic Council of the United States Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, Washington, D.C.; and Karl Altai, Joint Baltic American National Committee, Inc., Rockville, Maryland.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 8, 2016**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development, to hold hearings to examine State Department and United States Agency for International Development management challenges and opportunities for the next administration, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight Review of the U.S. Navy’s Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Program”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Mixed Martial Arts: Issues and Perspectives”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “The Impact of Regulations on Short-Term Financing”, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “DATA Act Implementation Check-In”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.